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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, *the* 22nd *of February* 1929.
11th *of Kumbham* 1104.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Mr. P. C. Chanchan, Dr. A. G. Menon, Messrs. C. A. Kunjunni Raja, K. T. Mathew and K. Mohamed Seethi and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Sirkar and aided schools.

357. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a list of all existing schools in the State, aided and Sirkar, with the following information required in a tabular form showing all schools in the same locality or within a proximity of two miles as one group:—

(1) name of the village and of the locality where the school is situated;

(2) name of the schools forming the group;

(3) the year in which each of the school was started;

(4) the number of classes in each of these schools;

(5) the total strength of each of these schools for each of the last two school years;

(6) the total grant given by the Sirkar to each of the schools for each of the last two school years;

(7) the name of the Manager of each of the aided school;

(8) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government for each of the Sirkar schools during each of the last two school years;

(9) special reasons, if any, for starting new schools in localities where there were schools already? (*The list may be kindly printed.*)

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—A list containing all the available information is placed on the Council Table. It is not possible to group the schools according to distance, since a school in one group in a village may be within 2 miles of a school of another group in an adjacent village. The list is too voluminous to be printed.

Sitaram Mills.

358. Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the date and the amount of the loan granted to the Sitaram Spinning and Weaving Mills, Ltd., Trichur ;

(b) the date fixed for the repayment of the loan ;

(c) reasons for failure to make the repayment in the date fixed ;

(d) the repeated dates of extensions granted to make a full settlement of the amounts due ;

(e) the amount in interest paid up-to-date ; and

(f) the amount of the balance of unpaid interest to date ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) Rs. 2,50,000 on 4th Chingam 1099 and Rs. one lakh on 9th Kanni 1099.

(b)

1100	Karkadagam last	Rs. 50,000	As per original agreement.
1101	do	1,00,000	
1102	do	1,00,000	
1103	do	1,00,000	
1101	do	50,000	As per extension granted.
1102	do	1,00,000	
1103	do	1,00,000	
1104	do	1,00,000	

(c) Dullness of the cotton market.

(d) Vide answer to (b).

(e) Rs. 1,45,590.

(f) Nil.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—May I ask, Sir, with regard to (c), whether that can be reasonably put forward as an excuse, for many other concerns were flourishing during these dull times? Can the Finance Member inform me whether the interest was paid from the legitimate profits?

President.—Is that a supplementary question or a fresh question?

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I am asking for information. I want to know whether that is out of order.

President.—It must arise out of the answers given. The simple question was what the amount of interest was, and in the answer the amount is given. Now your question is whether this amount was paid out of the legitimate profits of the Company. That appears to be a new question rather than a supplementary question. It is out of order.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—May I ask when the last instalment was paid? Was it paid after my asking these questions?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—It was paid on 22nd Makaram 1104.

President.—That is after these questions.

359. Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether any actual valuation of the assets of the

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